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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CLASSIFYING  
AUDIO INTO BROAD PHONEME CLASSES  
(AKA PHONE DECODER)

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated October 5, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**A Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.